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SB 332

January 31, 2007

Senator Jim Elliott, Chair
Senate Taxation Committee
Montana State Capitol
Helena, Montana

Dear Senator Elliott,

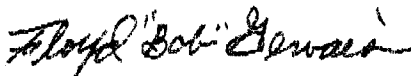
The purpose of this correspondence is to request your support, vote and passage of SB 332 - Exempting Federally Recognized Tribes located in the State of Montana from payment of property tax.

I am a life long resident of Montana, a Korean War Veteran, a property tax payer, member of the Browning School Board of Trustees, and a former member of the Montana House of Representatives.

This is a bill of fairness. Land owned by tribal governments in the State of Montana should receive the same tax benefits as school districts, municipalities, churches and religious groups, county governments, state governments and other charities and government entities that reside, operate and own land within the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations.

Therefore, I request that the Senate Taxation Committee give a due pass to SB 332.

Sincerely yours,



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